# **Graham County School News**





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#### Superintendent's Message

April was so full of activity that most people met themselves coming and going. It is always my favorite kind of busy time because it's when I get to visit schools across the county. Teachers, you are doing such a good job with our students. I also enjoyed participating in the annual "Funding Our Future" auction. The 4-H kids are the stars of the show as they take on the responsibilities of showing off the goods and drumming up bids. Good job leaders!

Another highlight of the month was helping out with the regional Special Olympics track meet. The Safford Lions Club, law enforcement and many, many other volunteers came together to make sure the athletes had a smooth meet and lots of support. We wish them good luck at state this month!

The Safford Rotary Club presented twenty-one teachers with their annual "Teacher of Distinction" awards. As a member of the club, I was able to attend several of the presentations. I know the club members get as much out of visiting the teachers as the teachers probably get from the awards. This award has gone from honoring one teacher in the county to honoring one from every school. We want everyone to know how much every single teacher is valued. I wish we could visit each of you and thank you for the dedication you give to your profession. Again, thank you.

#### Contact us!

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Online Registration: www.graham.az.gov Click on: School Superintendent, Workshops

Hours: Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Closed Fridays

#### Dates to Remember:

May 5—Cinco de Mayo Parade and Fiesta 10:00

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May 7— G/G Superintendents meeting @ GIFT

May 13—Mother's Day

May 19— Armed Forces Day

May 28—Memorial Day

June 4-7—Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy at EAC

Start getting ready for the new school year!

SEATA Breakout Sessions will be in the inboxes of preregistered teachers within the first two weeks of May!

# Please plan on attending the Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy "SEATA"

June 4-7, 2018

All Graham and Greenlee County educators are invited to attend SEATA at no cost

To meet the needs of our PreK-12 educators, we will have over 90 break-out sessions focusing on best practices across the curriculum.

Attendees will earn up to 24 hours of professional development credit.

SEATA is open to certified educators, early childhood education providers and pre-service educators who will be certified and contracted to teach by August 2018.

Some of the confirmed session topics include:

Reading and the Brain, eKnowledge, Process vs Product, The Essentials of Family Engagement, ALiCE Training, Mathematicians in Training, Math Game Interventions, Visualizing Change (Math), Building Fraction Sense, Math Beyond the Classroom, The Building Blocks of Functions, Early Childhood Every Day, Early Childhood Coalition, Donors Choose, Beyond the ROTE (Math), Building Brighter Kids, Digital Breakout, Math for early learners, Making Math Meaningful, Science and Engineering Practices, Lesson Study, Diving Deep with Squid!, Literature and STEM, Organized Thinking, STEM from the Start, Positive Classroom Strategies, Experiencing a Learning Disability, Spec. Ed, Coding, Grant writing and many more being added daily!

Keynote Speaker—Wendy Peterson—she's back, and will have several literacy breakouts

To register, go to <a href="http://www.graham.az.gov/school-superintendent/workshops/">http://www.graham.az.gov/school-superintendent/workshops/</a>

Everyone attending should complete this process. In mid-May, you will receive an email directing you to select the break-out sessions of your choice. Your schedule of sessions will be provided at SEATA check-in during the week of Monday June 4, 2018 in the Gherald Hoopes Activity Center at EAC.

# We will be offering sessions across the curriculum, including technology integration sessions for all subjects



SEATA is brought to you by
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Tom Powers

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# Science Happens Here!

Local First Arizona, the Arizona Rural Development Council, the Arizona SciTech Festival and the Graham County School Office are presenting **Science Happens Here** to advance STEM education in our community. Parents are encouraged to take their students to local businesses to collect trading cards. The cards, shown below, are designed to engage students with the science connected to the business. The students can learn more about STEM by gaining access to simple experiments found online using the website and code found on each card.



The following businesses are participating in this year's program. The class with the most participants will win a prize, which will be awarded early in the 2018-2019 school year. New cards have been added, so go get them! Thank you to the Arizona Science Center's Science on Wheels program for providing prizes!

Lee's Rite-Way
Trophies –N—Tees
Smith & Taylor Automotive
Indigo Mountain
The Hair Academy of Safford
Graham County Florist
Abacus Solutions
Carpet Tile and More
Cosmetology
Thank you businesses!

Genevieve's Market Place Debbie's Craft Connection Kempton Chevrolet Bowman Consulting Graham County Co-op Richard's Music Company Holladay's Photo Emporium Cottage Bakery Enchanted Boutique A Step Back in Time
Sun Pumps
Curtis Landscape
Taylor Freeze
Hot Wheels Cyclery
CMI Quick Copy
The Plantation
Eastern Arizona Academy of
Casa Manana

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#### Summer can be ideal time to prepare your child for kindergarten

The months leading up to the first day of kindergarten can be an ideal time to prepare your child for what to expect. Many kindergarten teachers tell parents that basic everyday activities are the best ways to help a child feel confident and ready for the transition to kindergarten.

Ruth Vining, kindergarten teacher at Jack Daley Primary School in Thatcher tells parents "Every child is different and unique. Most children will have strengths in some areas and difficulty in others. It is interesting to note that around 85% of children who have been exposed to an academic setting prior to kindergarten, such as preschool or playgroups, come prepared with the basic, foundational skills for a successful kindergarten experience. The best advice I could give to prepare for kindergarten would be physically PLAY with your children, READ to your children, and TALK to your children."

Below are some tips from First Things First to help your preschooler have a fun, easy transition to kindergarten:

- Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day. Try books that repeat words; involve activities like counting, identifying colors, objects or letters; or, are about things your child likes. Ask questions like, "What do you think happens next?"
- Talk with your child everywhere at home, in the car, at the store. Make up stories or songs about your outings.
- Writing begins with scribbling. Give your child safe writing tools to play with, like crayons, chalk or markers and blank paper. Ask your child to tell you about their drawings.
- Teach your child how to use the bathroom by themselves, to wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, to blow their nose and sneeze into their elbow.

Before the first day, talk with your child about what to expect during the school day and types of after-school activities they may be involved in. The more details kids know, the less anxious they will feel. Rehearse for the big day with test-runs of the new routine, which will include:

- Choosing what to wear the night before.
- Waking up with early to have plenty of time to get ready.
- Eating a healthy breakfast.
- Walking to the bus stop and talking about boarding and where to sit.
- Practicing how to open parts of lunch, whether it's a carton of milk or a small bag of carrots. Remind them that teachers or lunch staff can help if needed.

Even if you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping toddlers and preschoolers prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our young kids to school with the skills – and the love of learning – that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond!

#### ###

**About First Things First** – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

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### **Student Loan Relief**

#### **Voluntary Benefit**

ISLoan Solutions, an advisory company, has helped nonprofit employees nationwide lower student loan payments by 95%, and reduce student loan balances through tax-free loan forgiveness by an average of \$59,500 with the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Visit - https://aacss-graham.myisls.com/register

**Enter registration code GRAHAM** 

Register & schedule today! Find out if this program makes sense for you.

If you have federal student loans and would like to:

- Reduce your student loan debt no cap in forgiveness amount
- Immediately lower monthly student loan payment
- Receive a personalized 10-year plan outlining your savings
- Significantly lower your cost to earn additional degrees

#### **More Money for What Matters**

"Before working with ISLoan Solutions, my monthly student loan payment was almost twice my house payment. Now, I am paying \$144 month and will have my student loan debt behind me by the time I'm 44; that makes me feel really good. Paying less on my loans means we can save for our daughter's education, take a return trip to Disney World, and purchase a camper to enjoy our local 4-H activities and family vacations."

Shay Cottrill, Therapist

#### How it works:

- Meet with a student loan advisor to discuss your situation & goals
- They will educate you & deliver a savings plan at no cost
- Hire them to implement plan, & fees will apply, or pursue it on your own



www.isloansolutions.com

ISLoan Solutions

Customer.service@isloansolutions.com 513-645-5400

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#### Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!

Eastern Arizona Science Initiative

Environment Technology

Answer Energy Biology Astronomy
Explanation Variables Learning Career

Analyze Observations
Chart Graph Matter Data
Science EASI Earth
Solar System
Students Hypothesis Teaching
Senses Math Engineering

WordItOut

All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! *It's easy!* 

2017—2018 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Wed. May 9 May EASI meeting

Tue.—Th. May 29-31 Tonto Creek Camp (Payson)

Tue.—Wed. June 5-6 SEATA MGIO Tours

Mon.—Wed. June 18-20 EASI Summer Science Camp

Mon.—Th. June 18-21 EASI High School Anatomy Camp

Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu
Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260





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Сатр	Grade Levels	Dates	Fee	# of Students	
onto Creek Camp 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Tues - Fri, May 29- June 1, 2		Tues - Fri, May 29- June 1, 2018	\$50	50	
EASI Summer Science Camp	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mon – Wed, June 18-20, 2018	\$35	50	
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- Tonto Creek Camp: overnight camp/environmental activities in Payson, AZ.

  Lego Racers, Outdoor Adventures, Hydrological Testing, Bio-Engineering, Canyon Hiking, Archery, Campfire Activities, & much More!

  (7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Grade) Tuesday Friday, May 29 June 1, 2018

  This 4-day/3-night camp is held in Payson, AZ at the ASU Tonozona campus. (Transportation courtesy of Eastern Arizona College)

  Detailed student instructions upon acceptance.
- EASI 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Science Camp at Discovery Park Campus "Science is Life!"

All-day field trip to discover the life biomes of Mt. Graham, astronomy, native plants, dissections, lots of hands-on activities, T-shirts, prizes, family Rocket Launch and an evening under the stars and more!

(6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade) Monday – Wednesday, June 18-20, 2018

Mon and Tues: 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Wed: 1 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Anatomy & Physiology Camp at EAC Main Campus

High school students will discover the amazing structure of the human body! Organs, systems and how they function... and more! (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Monday – Thursday, June 18 - 21, 2018 (camp is from 9:00am-12:00pm at the EAC Math & Science Building)

All participants will receive an awesome EASI Summer Science Camp T-Shirt, EASI Backpack, and a lot of fun!

Participation in ALL camps are first-come, first-filled. Don't wait!!

Registration fees are due AFTER your selection has been confirmed.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the EAC Discovery Park Campus / EAC Math & Science Building



#### EASI Summer Science Camp Application Form

#### Scan and email or return your completed application at EAC's Discovery Park Campus or mail as soon as possible to:

2017 EASI Summer Science Camps c/o Paul Anger Paul.anger@eac.edu P.O. Box 583 Pima, AZ 85543 Please write legibly. Please do not send registration fee with this application. 6th -9th Grade Science Camp Tonto Creek Camp Anatomy & Physiology Camp Camp Applying For: (Please circle correct size) Adult size T-shirt: S M L XL XXL Grade Entering: \_\_\_ School: Male Female Ethnicity: Black: 
Hispanic: 
White: 
Native American: 
Asian/Islander: 
Other: Home Mailing Address: Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_

Eastern Arizona College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin, sex, disability, or age. Approved for veterans benefits.



- Increase employment opportunities
- We pay tuition and books
- Decrease college or technical cost

# Gila Institute for Technology

# GIFT now registering for 2018-2019

### **Central Programs Offered**

Cosmetology (2 schools) – Drafting – Health Care Professions-Licensed Nursing Assistant– Med Lab Assistant-Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies– Welding

### **Individual Programs**

Advanced Manufacturing- Autos- Computers- Early Childhood

Education- EMT- Engineering - Fab Lab Technician- Graphic DesignIndustrial Electrician- Law Enforcement- Medical Assistant- Media

Communications- Pharmacy Technician

Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org Contact your high school CTE Career Tech/Counselor for more information

Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- Serving 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in Graham and Greenlee Counties.
- Must meet the program entrance requirements
- Anyone under the age of 21 without a GED or high school diploma is eligible.

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# United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

#### **Education Grant Opportunities**

#### **Goal Statement:**

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

#### **Objectives:**

#### Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

#### Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

#### Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

#### Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

# Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges.

#### Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

#### **Apply Now!**

Visit the United Way website at www.uwggc.com

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

pleblanc@aznex.net

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# Rural Activation and Innovation Network







# **RAIN STEM**

# Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

### **STEM Grants!**

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an "extra-curricular", weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

#### Please take advantage of the current Funding Cycles:

Spring 2018 (Open May 1, Due June 1, Notified July 1)

# Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: <u>4azrain.org</u>

Hover over "Rural Innovation Councils" and Click on "Graham/Greenlee Counties"

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#### **Prepare Your Students for Real-World STEM with Dig Into Mining**

In today's global economy, STEM skills are critical to success. Help your students prepare for the future job market with <u>Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper</u>. Our varied classroom resources are designed to ignite a sense of curiosity and exploration in your 6th - 12th grade students, while teaching and testing standards-aligned topics in STEM.

EXPLORE NOW

With relevant examples from today's copper industry, Dig Into Mining's educator tools make it easy to connect classroom learning to real-world STEM applications. For example, students can:

Investigate the patterns of natural resources around the globe

**Explore** how copper is used in electronic and hybrid vehicles

<u>Utilize</u> proportional relationships to determine the economic feasibility of a mine site

**Research** how microorganisms are used in the wastewater treatment process

*Identify* the physical boundaries of a mine using satellite geoimages

... and much more!

Discover more classroom extensions and teacher resources *here*.

Extend the learning further with our exclusive <u>Dig Into Mining Virtual Field Trips</u>. Stream on demand to give your students a behind-the-scenes look at a working copper mine and hear from Freeport-McMoRan professionals as they guide you through the mining process from planning to reclamation.

Follow @DiscoveryEd on Twitter and join the conversation using #DigIntoMining.



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#### Social-Emotional Learning With a Trusted Friend



Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood helps to boost invaluable skills among preschoolers in their daily lives.

In order for younger learners to be successful in school, they must be mentally healthy and have good interpersonal skills. Introduce your class to Daniel Tiger and his friends, who can help younger learners develop skills to regulate behavior, manage feelings, feel competent in completing tasks, and confident in trying new things. <a href="Explore Collection"><u>Explore Collection</u></a>



Managing and Expressing Feelings Grades: PreK-1

In this mini-collection, you can find videos and lesson plans to help introduce your students to tools for managing and expressing their feelings. **Discover More** 



Social and Emotional Development Grades: K-5

Using the Arthur Interactive Media (AIM) Buddy Project, gather some supplemental social, emotional, and character development curriculum for your classroom! **Discover More** 



Kindness, Empathy, and Resilience Grades: PreK-12

Explore a collection of videos and lesson plans that are centered around kindness, empathy, and the importance of practicing mindfulness. <u>Discover More</u>



Vocabulary as a Foundation for Learning Grades: PreK-2 | Hours: 45

In this course, you will have exposure to cutting-edge research about how word learning shapes thinking, especially in our youngest learners, using PBS KIDS digital learning resources.

**Explore Course** 

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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood with your class! Discover a collection of Mister Rogers' episodes to bring right into your classroom. Fred Rogers' masterful approach to creating a warm, welcoming environment for young viewers helped shape the world of educational television. Take inspiration from 45 of his best episodes below, and bring the joy of Mister Rogers into your classroom today.

https://az.pbslearningmedia.org



New Experiences Grades: PreK-1

Childhood is full of new experiences. Whether going to the doctor, traveling on an airplane, or visiting a relative's house for the first time. In this set of resources, we will focus on how you can help children work on using play to better understand feelings, develop imagination, and feel proud of themselves for facing a new experience.

Check Out Resource



Friends Work Out Problems Activity

Grades: PreK-1

In this activity from The Fred Rogers' Company, children will work on problem solving, verbal communication, and expressing their feelings and ideas with peers.

**Check Out Activity** 

#### **Daniel Tiger Apps to Share With Parents**

**Daniel Tiger for Parents** 

Designed with busy parents in mind, the app is simple, educational and entertaining for caregivers and children. It features over two dozen Daniel Tiger songs, supporting videos from Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, and helpful hints for parents about the important skills children need to be ready for school and life.

**Download App** 

Daniel Tiger's Stop & Go Potty

With Daniel Tiger's Stop & Go Potty app, children will practice stopping their play when they have to go potty and learn about their important bathroom routines at the potty and sink.

Download App

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Arizona PBS is prototyping StoryTime, a new educational tool designed for parents and teachers. Research is key to understanding how we can best integrate the program throughout the state. Please take a minute to read about what StoryTime is and answer a few questions in the survey link below. Thank you.

Children ages 8-10 (third through fifth grade) will have the opportunity to participate in story competitions to write stories tailored to the things they are learning in school. The best stories will be turned into printed books and illustrated videos to be published on a facet of the AZPBS Kids website. Arizona PBS has partnered with NASA to create the first story already. For more information leave your e-mail at the end of the survey below, and we will send a link to the first story as well as information about the first story competition.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRND8C3

Best, The StoryTime Team



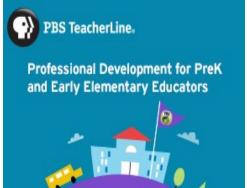
Pi & The Fibonacci Sequence Grades: 6-12

Explore intriguing appearances of pi and the Fibonacci sequence outside of mathematics. Although well-known in mathematics, the numbers of the Fibonacci sequence are also frequently found in the natural world, such as in the number of petals on flowers and the number of spirals of a pine cone. Discover More



Calculating Pi with Darts
Grades: 6-12

Pi can be calculated using a random sample of darts thrown at a square and circle target. The problem with this method lies in attempting to throw "randomly." Learn how to do it in this video! Discover More



NEW Professional Development for Early Elementary School Teachers

Did you know? PBS TeacherLine offers professional development courses specially designed for early elementary teachers like you! Our expert facilitators will help you tackle familiar teaching challenges with new ideas and proven methods. **Explore Site!** 

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#### Professional Development



Teaching Math (Grades K-2): A Special Collection from Annenberg Learner

Grades: K-2 | Hours: 45

Enroll in a class that will expand your understanding of these five key processes: communication, problem solving, reasoning and proof, representation, and connections. This course can help you become more comfortable in helping your students develop a fuller sense of mathematics. Explore Course



Teaching Animal Adaptations in the Inquiry-Based Classroom (Facilitated)

Grades: K-2 | Hours: 15

This course will be using PBS KIDS digital resources to help you develop a firm understanding of connected learning approaches to support young children's knowledge of Animal Adaptations. Explore Course



#### **5 Things Teachers Want in Professional Development**

It's that time again to get re-certified, or you just want to brush up on some new skills and you're not sure what's what anymore with professional development. Take these five tips into consideration when you're on the professional development course hunt!

Read More



#### 10 Black Scientists that Science Teachers Should Know About

Helping your students see the possibilities of careers in STEM fields means providing them with diverse role models. Black History Month provides teachers with an opportunity to feature the stories and voices of black scientists, engineers and mathematicians in the context of their science instruction. **Read More** 

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#### Contest

National Park Trust - Kids to Parks Day National School Contest

https://www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/school-contest/

this national contest is open to all Title I schools in the United States (grades pre-K through 12). Classes can receive funding for a KTP event at a park or public land/waterway in their community. Students must research and write the proposal themselves, although we encourage teachers to provide support and feedback! Your entries should explain how your experience will promote education, health and wellness, and park stewardship. NPT will award park grants up to \$1,000 to winning entries. We encourage schools to implement their KTP event during the month of May 2018, but exceptions can be made based on school schedules.

Kids to Parks Day May 19, 2018 https://www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/

#### Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship 2018

http://www.us-japan.org/programs/kkc/k2018/index.html

FREE teachers' study tours to Japan. Meet with scholars and experts, visit companies, stay with a Japanese host family, and participate in cultural events. To be eligible to apply, you have to demonstrate a strong interest in Japan but have never lived there or traveled there on a similar study program. And you have to be a middle school or high school social studies teacher. The travel dates are tentatively scheduled for June 25-July 3, 2018.

#### **Resources & Tools**

Virtual Tours - 360 plus of many different sites

http://www.3dmekanlar.com/en/3d.html

Middle Eastern/European sites: mosques, parks, palaces, museums, all kinds of places. You can visit Saudi Arabia (the Hajj), Palestine, Turkey, Syria, Egypt, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and other places including space. It's pretty amazing!

#### **Nature Sound Map**

#### http://www.naturesoundmap.com/

A group of professional nature recordists from around the globe have collaborated to develop Nature Soundmap, an enjoyable and interactive way of exploring the natural sounds of our planet. Combining high-quality field recordings with the latest satellite imagery, the project brings together some of nature's most beautiful, interesting and inspiring sounds.

Website developed by Wild Ambience Nature Sounds, Sydney, Australia - <a href="https://wildambience.com/">https://wildambience.com/</a> (also worth checking out)

#### **World Geography Games**

#### http://world-geography-games.com/

(from Technology4Teachers) Entertaining & stimulating map games to improve your geographical knowledge. The quizzes include questions about countries, states, capitals, flags, regions, bodies of water, mountains, deserts, metropolitan areas and other topics that will test and challenge your knowledge. You need Flash player.

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#### **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)**

http://www.nctm.org/ - must be a member to access most resources.

http://www.nctm.org/Grants/ for grants, scholarships & awards. Encouraged, but not required, to be a member. About 25 opportunities with deadlines to apply in 2018.

#### **Observing Characteristics of Cultures**

**Description:** In this lesson, students learn characteristics of culture by viewing images. Students will then create a photo essay reflecting on what they have observed and researched about a culture.

Author: Gale Olp Ekiss Grade Range: 8 and High School Duration: 2-3 class periods

<u>Teacher Instructions</u> <u>Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys</u> <u>Power Point Presentation (with slide titles)</u> Power Point Presentation (no slide titles)

Supplemental Files: <u>Scavenger Hunt on Basic Elements of Culture Urban Scavenger Hunt Musical Instrument/</u>
<u>Music Scavenger Hunt Cultural Diffusion Power Point Presentation</u>

#### New lesson!

#### Switch It Up! Scrambling States to Practice U.S. Geography and Identify Climates

#### **Lesson Plan Content**

Description: The United States encompasses a vast territory with different characteristics. Students need to recognize that their state's physical features do not necessarily mirror other states' physical features. In this lesson students will use 1) political maps to give directions utilizing a compass rose and to determine distance by using a scale and use 2) physical maps to complete a chart of geographical information relating to climate. This data can then be used to compare states.

Author: Brean Marinaccio Grade Range: 4 Duration: 2 class periods

Teacher Instructions Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys Map US (with state names)

Regions of the US Teacher's Key

Other material that may be useful: Map United States (with state names) to be assembled

Collection of Maps for Students in Grades 1 through 4 Activities for Scrambled States of America from Macmillan.com

#### New lesson!

# TALES FROM THE CRYPT: Learning about Geography and History from Your Local Cemetery

**Description:** Cemeteries are unique resources for studying the peoples of an area. In this field experience, students will gather and evaluate information about cultural symbols, nationalities, lifespans, and gender issues in a specialized landscape, the cemetery. In this lesson, students will learn how cemeteries convey information about the history and geography of their communities. They will learn about symbols and regions commonly found in cemeteries. They will then explore a local cemetery and then report their findings in charts, graphs, and other written communications.

Author: Gale Olp Ekiss Grade Range: 6-12 Duration: 5 class periods

<u>Teacher Instructions</u> <u>Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys</u> <u>Resource Sheet for Determining Nationalities</u>

Student Writing Examples

Supplemental Files: Mesa City Cemetery Map Introduction to Cemeteries PowerPoint (Large file - may take some time to download)

**Related Links:** 

**Gravestone Symbolism** 

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#### Resources

Flipgrid - Video for student engagement and formative assessment

https://info.flipgrid.com/

Free for limited access. \$65 per educator per year for unlimited grids & topics. Heard good reviews from multiple sources as a convenient, easy tool for a quick comprehension check or culminating demonstration.

Tour Builder | Put your story on the map. A Google experiment.

https://tourbuilder.withgoogle.com/

Tour Builder is a new way to show people the places you've visited and the experiences you had along the way using Google Earth. It lets you pick the locations right on the map, add in photos, text, and video, and then share your creation.

What inspired the creation of Tour Builder? We originally created Tour Builder to give veterans a way to record all the places that military service has taken them, and preserve their stories and memories as a legacy for their families. But we also thought it could be a useful tool for anyone with a story to tell, so we made it available to everyone.

What are your long-term plans for Tour Builder? For now, Tour Builder is in beta and we're excited to see what people build and do with it. We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas about how it could be a better storytelling tool. Take it for a spin and tell us what you think here.

#### **PenPal Schools**

https://www.penpalschools.com/

PenPal Schools connects students in 144 countries to learn together. PenPals ages 8 and up collaborate through free high-quality online projects to learn about cultures and global challenges while practicing language and technology skills. How much does PenPal Schools cost? The first 5 teachers who enroll from each school receive PenPal Schools for free for the entire year! Schools that would like to enroll more than 5 teachers can purchase a site license for \$1,900 per year. Site licenses include unlimited student and teacher accounts. Discounts are available for low income and PenPal Partner schools.

#### FANschool - app

https://www.fanschool.org/

Free w/ 1 commissioner, 5 players. Then charges.

About: https://www.fanschool.org/about/ Objective to engage students in learning in any subject area using current events.

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New Professional Development offerings

#### GeoSpatial Workshop: Using Technology for Spatial Thinking and Analyzing Data

(3 days, 2 nights) (Grades 2-HS)

Geographic Information Systems are commonplace in businesses and governmental agencies. The US Department of Labor Statistics reports that this career field has a higher than average potential for new jobs. So what is GIS? What can you do with GIS in your classroom? With online, free software, come see how you can use this technology to engage your students in problem solving and spatial thinking.

We are offering three locations and times to participate in this no-cost GeoSpatial Workshop. Please note Deadlines to Register vary as well as deadlines to ask for accommodations.

Where: Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Ave, Mesa SC26 - Social & Cultural Science Building

When: June 11-13, 2018 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM each day

Deadline to register: Friday, June 1, 2018. Deadline to request accommodations: 6/1/2018.

For full info and to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geospatial-workshop-using-technology-for-spatial-thinking-and-analyzing-data-mesa-tickets-44115230843

Where: University of Arizona, Library Digital Space, Tucson, AZ When: June 18-20, 2018 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM each day

Deadline to register: Monday, June 11, 2018. Deadline to request accommodations: 6/11/2018

For full info and to register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geospatial-workshop-using-technology-for-spatial-thinking-and-analyzing-data-tucson-tickets-44046341794">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geospatial-workshop-using-technology-for-spatial-thinking-and-analyzing-data-tucson-tickets-44046341794</a>

Where: Northern Arizona University, Cline Library Learning Studio, 1001 S Knoles Dr, Flagstaff

When: July 23-25, 2018 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM each day

Deadline to register: Monday, June 11, 2018 DEADLINE to register for Flagstaff lodging is April 9.

You will be required to sign a lodging contract, and you will need to confirm/cancel by April 20. IF you are registering after 4/9/2018 and need accommodations you may join a waiting list. To see dorm rooms go to <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cTg7">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cTg7</a> HIrz1P7uGase5CepWvCq-GQ gCqMdgo4 B 4ml/edit?usp=sharing

For full info and to register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geospatial-workshop-using-technology-for-spatial-thinking-and-analyzing-data-flagstaff-tickets-43296782843">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geospatial-workshop-using-technology-for-spatial-thinking-and-analyzing-data-flagstaff-tickets-43296782843</a>

Instructors: Diane Godfrey and Karen Guerrero

**Cost**: Free, but you must place a \$40 deposit to assure your attendance at the event. It will be promptly refunded at the close of the workshop. If you do not attend, we will keep the deposit.

Who should attend: Teachers, grades 2 through HS. Limited to 20 participants.

What to expect: The purpose of this workshop is to enhance your teaching practices with strategies for building spatial thinking and analyzing data.

The workshop goals are to: Analyze data using mapping tools Build technical skills, confidence and digital resources for teaching with GIS

Create a plan for implementing GIS in your classroom to enhance something you already teach

Learn how GIS can empower your students to take action in their communities based on their GIS classroom experiences

Prerequisites (must check all when you register): We have reliable, stable internet for student use at my school

Technology is available for students to engage in online mapping activities at my school (e.g. computer lab, tablets, phones – with internet access) I have my own Wi-Fi enabled device to bring to the Workshop. Note: we recommend a laptop with a keyboard and an external mouse for the best experience, but a tablet can work. Ability to download and save files is a plus.

You will receive: Catered lunch each day 21 recertification hours. (7 per day) Participants will receive a \$100 stipend for submitting a lesson plan following the workshop. Accommodations may be made for out of town participants. You must apply and qualify regarding distance for each site. DEADLINE to register for accommodations varies at each site.

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#### Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA) Grants and Opportunities

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Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Fold3 https://www.ancestryk12.com/k12/ApplyForGrant

If your classroom, school, and/or school district are awarded an AncestryK12 grant, your students will be able to access classroom versions of Ancestry, Fold3, and Newspapers.com, onsite from computers within the IP ranges you specify in your application, by visiting <a href="https://www.ancestryclassroom.com">https://www.fold3.com/</a>, or

https://www.nocestryclassroom.com, http://www.fold3.com/, or http://www.newspapers.com/ (the "Grant Websites").

Please NOTE: The grant is for free access to these sites, and one application covers all three sites. No monetary award.

**Story Monsters Ink!** (Free on-line magazine for kids & teens). <a href="https://www.storymonsters.com/about-the-magazine/">https://www.storymonsters.com/about-the-magazine/</a>

The Literary Resource for Teachers, Librarians, and Parents. Story Monsters Ink® is an award-winning magazine that offers the latest news on children's books and products, celebrity and independent author profiles, book reviews, activities, reading guides, special featured columns, and more! The digital edition of each issue will be available the third week of the month prior to the issue cover date month. The printed edition will be printed and mailed to subscribers approximately two weeks after that. This timeline may be extended around holiday. Issues are recorded by The Arizona Talking Book Library.

#### GeoGame - Place Spotting (based on Google Earth)

http://www.placespotting.com/

A website of geographic riddles. Place Spotting is based on the Google Earth platform. Place Spotting users can create their own geographic riddles or try to solve riddles created by others. The search feature on Place Spotting lets users search for riddles based on level of difficulty, language, region, or creation date.

**GeoGame - Where In the World** (based on Google Earth - Street View)

 $\underline{http://www.superbreak.com/inspiration/where-in-the-world\#}$ 

Street View quiz from SuperBreak. You are shown a succession of Google Maps Street View images of famous locations around the world. All you have to do is choose the correct location from three different answers. The game allows you to choose from five different categories, History, Travel, Royal Attractions, Nature & Parks and Entertainment. Once you have selected your categories you are shown 10 different Street View images and your job is to guess where in the world each image is from.

# Major Countries Outline Maps (hard copy) Free

https://manywaystoseetheworld.org/products/ ncgemajorcountries OR http://conta.cc/2i4M3Ds

Two dozen maps (23 double-sided) 8-1/2" x 11" on high gloss paper. Plus 18 maps (9 double-sided) identifying provinces or states on regular paper. A world map showing the location of each country. Plus a chart indicating population and land area for each of the 23 countries represented. These outline maps were published by the National Council for Geographic Education, a non-profit organization devoted to enhancing the status and quality of geography teaching and learning. The date of the map boundaries is 2004. These map sets are copyright-free and may be reproduced for any non-profit educational project. All that is required is proper attribution of NCGE as the source.

SchoolBookings.com http://www.schoolbookings.com/

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#### FMA - Free Music Archive

http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?wlex-

pid=A47EDEoB61F34AEFAADC6AoooF237BBE &wlrefapp=5

The Free Music Archive is an interactive library of high-quality, legal audio downloads directed by WFMU, the most renowned freeform radio station in America. Radio has always offered the public free access to new music.

Every MP<sub>3</sub> on The Free Music Archive is pre-cleared for certain types of uses that would otherwise be prohibited by copyright laws that were not designed for the digital era.

#### Arizona Department of Education

To join the ADE K-12 mailing list go here: http://www.azed.gov/standardspractices/academic-standards/join-the-k-12academic-standards-mailing-list/

Also reachable from this page: Content Area Resources, Instructional Support, Webinars, Standards.

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#### For your Students

#### **Explore Careers in GIS**

https://www.virtualjobshadow.com/partners/esri/

Q&A Videos, Career Description, Required Education, Earnings. (10 so far)

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#### We Are Teachers

https://www.weareteachers.com/

Classroom ideas, Contests (among others win a 3D printer for your classroom - <a href="https://www.weareteachers.com/contest/win-dremel-3d-printer-for-your-classroom/">https://www.weareteachers.com/contest/win-dremel-3d-printer-for-your-classroom/</a>), free printables. Grade level sortable; subject sortable. Try <a href="https://www.weareteachers.com/fun-geography-lessons/">https://www.weareteachers.com/fun-geography-lessons/</a> for 13 fun geography lessons (elementary).

#### Mapchart.net

#### https://mapchart.net/

Make your own custom Map of the World, Europe, the Americas, United States, UK and more with colors and descriptions of your choice Download it for free. For historical maps please visit our other website Historical Map Chart <a href="https://historicalmapchart.net/">https://historicalmapchart.net/</a>

And don't forget the 200 plus maps and 360 lessons on the AzGA website - <a href="http://geoalliance.asu.edu">http://geoalliance.asu.edu</a> Plus the Giant Map Program, Primary Source analytic tools, AzGA professional development.

Opportunities

**STEM in the Desert (CAP-LTER PD)** 

Tues-Thur, May 29-31, 12018 | 8:30am - 3:00 pm | Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, AZ.

Send name, address, phone and email to <a href="lisa.herrmann@asu.edu">lisa.herrmann@asu.edu</a>. Please include one letter of recommendation and prepare a brief statement of how you will use this training in your classroom and how you will transfer learning to your colleagues. Preference given to campus-based, same grade or multi-grade level teams. <a href="Deadline to apply: May">Deadline to apply: May</a> 7, 2018.

Topics include: Phoenix Metro Geology and Watershed, Sun Energy and Transfer, Desert Dynamics, Our City's Urban Ecology.

Stipend: Up to \$850 | \$350 for completion of workshop | + 6 hours of online learning | \$150 for creation of a complementary learning resource | Up to \$350 for transfer of learning to colleagues on your campus through mentoring, incorporation into grade level planning, or providing campus professional development.

For your students:

#### **SWIFT Weather Camp**

#### http://www.swiftweathercamp.com/

#### Grades 7 - 9: June 18-20, 2018:

Meteorologists use amazing tools, like satellite, radar, and computer models. SWIFT Weather Camp is a rigorous exploration of meteorology taught by ASU professors and National Weather Service forecasters. It's like taking a college class about weather, but of course, much more fun! Everyone in our weather camp LOVES WEATHER!

Deadline to apply: June 11, 2018 (11:59PM MST). There is no charge for camp. SWIFT is sponsored by ASU SGSUP, NWS, SRP, and MCC. You will be asked to provide your own lunch and transportation.

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# The Safford City-Graham County Library offers amazing resources for teachers and students at no cost!

**Library Cards** Residents of Graham and Greenlee county are eligible for a free library card. Children under 18 must have a parent's or legal guardian's permission to get a library card.

**Library Tours and ScienceCity Field Trips** Library tours are available for classes with at least 2 weeks' notice. For more information, write to Victoria Silva at vsilva@saffordaz.gov. A limited number of hands-on ScienceCity field trips are available to K-6<sup>th</sup> classes visiting the library. For more information, write to Lesley Talley at Italley@saffordaz.gov.

**Online Tutoring** Live, online tutoring for students in kindergarten through college is available daily from 2pm till midnight through Tutor.com on the library's website. Tutor.com is free to all students in Graham and Greenlee counties thanks to support from the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library District and the United Way of Graham County.

#### **Online Classes - Universal Class**

Over 500 free online classes are available to library card holders. Courses include computer skills and teacher related courses for CEU credit. Remember, the classes are free ONLY if accessed through the library's website.

#### Language Learning - Mango Languages

User-friendly language learning is available for over 70 languages through Mango Languages. It includes 11 ESL options for those who are learning English. Remember, the classes are free ONLY if accessed through the library's website.

#### **Academic Databases**

Information-packed online databases from Gale and World Book Encyclopedia are available for elementary through high-school age children. With vetted information, no pop-up ads and clear citations, they offer a great research tool for students.

#### Tumblebooks, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks

Digital versions of many popular books for young children through teens are available through the library website. Tumblebooks targets younger children with colorful picture books and simple chapter books. Our eBook and downloadable audiobook collections include titles for tweens and teens.

#### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Thanks to funding from Arizona First Things First, all children in Graham and Greenlee counties are eligible to receive free books mailed to their home from birth until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. These high- quality books are theirs to keep and build their own home library.

#### **Books, DVDs and Audiobooks**

With approximately 45,000 items on the shelves, the library is sure to have something for you or your students. From picture books and children's audiobooks to nonfiction books and DVDs, we have great resources to support you in the classroom.

For more information or for a teacher tour/training, call 432-4165.

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# O ARIZONA'S CHILDREN ASSOCIATION

#### Foster Care

There is a critical need for foster parents in Arizona, and especially for homes who can accept teenagers. Mean the world to someone special!

There are more than 18,000 children in Arizona's foster care system and there is a critical need for foster families to care for them across the state. We recruit, train and provide necessary supports for our foster families. We pride ourselves on having a variety of unique programs and services available to help meet their needs.

#### **HOW WE HELP**

We are Arizona's best resource for helping children and families. Our programs target the type of future we all want to see: a future where every child has a safe and loving home and families are supported through difficult and trying circumstances. It is our commitment to provide a specifically tailored continuum of services to children and families in need. All programs are family focused, strength-based, culturally sensitive and outcome driven.

foster care & adoption

behavioral health & trauma response

Family preservation & reunification

kinship services

Family Education & Support

young adult

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**Tucson Corporate Offices** 

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Web: www.ArizonasChildren.org

Email: info@arizonaschildren.org

Phone: 800.944.7611

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## From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

#### How it works:

- A citizen can text grahamtip to 50911 and type the message they want to submit.
- The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- There is no caller ID on your message.
- The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

# We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or <a href="mailto:showell@graham.az.gov">showell@graham.az.gov</a>.

### Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family "Healthy Families, Healthy Youth"

In 2016, Governor Ducey's Office of Youth, Faith and Family started a pilot program to help families avoid with the realities of addiction and the devastating effects on our children. The "Keep Them Safe" program brings 7th graders and their parents together for an evening of education and planning for strategies to face the stressors, risks and pressures presented to our kids on a daily basis. The program started with one school in each county. This year, it has expanded to include 53 districts throughout the state. Based on the early success of the pilot, we believe the program will continue to expand.

Information is available for all families in Arizona, whether they are in the county programs or not.

Please visit **KeepthemSafe.az.gov** to learn more about strategies to keep communication open and to take advantage of "teachable moments" regarding drug abuse and addiction.

Additionally, the following resources are available:

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - ncadd.org

National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

National Institute on Drug Abuse—drugabuse.gov

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—samhsa.gov

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#### Grant Funding Alerts It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15) http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education (Get ready for the next cycle!)

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** \$100-\$500

**Deadline:** October 1, 2017 (window: May 1—Oct.1)

Link: http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants

#### **DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms**

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, Do-norsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for sup-port for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

# Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teachers© \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/submit-a-proposal/100k/

Five awards of \$100K ea. to fund K-12 teachers' educational visions for their classrooms and communities in 2018. Examples contest funds: an outdoor learning center, an accessible playground for special needs students, and a student mentorship program with local business leaders.

Proposals must be submitted by May 30, 2018.

#### **Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program**

http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/about/community-and-education/charitable-giving-program/program-detaiuls-and-application-process

The Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program enables our company to provide financial support to communities in one or more of our strategic areas of giving:

- Education with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Community Safety and Vitality

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#### **Toshiba America Foundation**

http://www.toshiba.com/taf/about.jsp

K-12 STEM Projects Funded - (K-5 or 6-12) There are teacher resource links on this site also.

Two initiatives: Grants for Grades K-5 Science of up to \$1,000 are provided to teachers in public or private schools to help them bring innovative hands-on projects into their classrooms. Deadline to apply: October 1 annually.

#### **Innovative Educator Grant**

#### https://scholarsapply.org/fbol-innovativeeducatorprize

One-time awards of up to \$10,000 per project will be granted. Total distribution is up to \$200,000. Awards are made payable to the school, specifically for use on the proposed project.

Funds may be used for: technology, professional development, curriculum, software, curriculum, classroom supplies, and related materials. Funds may not be used for facility costs or salary or payroll expenses. Recipients are required to submit an accountability report including verification of funds used and measurable outcomes at the conclusion of the school year.

#### **Grants for K-12 Materials Science Projects**

www.asminternational.org/foundation/teachers/teacher-grants-k12

The ASM Materials Education Foundation awards 20 grants of \$500 annually to help K-12 teachers bring the real world of materials science into their classrooms. "Living in a Material World" grants recognize creativity and enhance awareness of materials science and the role that materials play in society.

Deadline to apply: May 25

#### The Sharon Gewirtz Kids to Concerts Fund

Www.sites.google.com/site/gewirtzkidstoconcerts/

The Sharon Gewirtz Kids to Concerts Fund's mission is to support string education by inspiring middle school string students through direct experience with accomplished classical musicians.

Mentoring programs and high-level concert experiences are two examples.

Deadline to apply: June 30

#### **Champion Creatively Alive Children Grant Program**

http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program

Up to 20 grants from Crayola help Creative Leadership teams identify and deliver innovative programs that inspire educators to increase art-infused education. Winning schools receive \$2,500 and \$1,000 worth of Crayola products to develop an art-infused, creative capacity-building, professional development program.

Deadline to apply: June 22, 2018

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# Student Teaching Intern Certificate

#### **Educator Preparation Program Contacts**



#### Arizona State University

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Arizona State University | Mary Lou Fulton

Teachers College

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Note: Email is the best way to reach this

contact.

#### Northern Arizona University

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Phone: 480-517-8414.

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#### What does that mean?

### Arizona Educational Acronyms

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ARS – Arizona Revised Statutes

ARSA- Arizona Rural Schools Association

ASA – Arizona School Administrators

ASBA- Arizona School Boards Association

ASDB- Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind

ASU - Arizona State University

AT - Assistive Technology

ATRA – Arizona Tax Research Association

AZELLA- Arizona English Language Learner Assessment

AZ-TAP - Arizona Technology Access Program

AZTEA- Arizona Technology in Education Association

#### В

BHS - Behavioral Health Services

BIE- Bureau of Indian Education (formerly BIA, Bureau of Indian Affairs)

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan

#### C

CAA – Charter Additional Assistance

CAC – Certification Advisory Committee

CBO- Congressional Budget Office

CCSSO- Council of Chief State School Officers

CEC - Council for Exceptional Children

CEP - Collaborative Education Partners

CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

CSS- County School Superintendent OR Catholic Social Service

CTE- Career and Technical Education

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